

Senator Ginny Lyons, Chair
Margaret Cheney, PSB member
Representative Tony Klein
Judge Robert Mello
Chris Recchia, Commissioner DPS

Citizen Participation in PSB Proceedings Working Group

Minutes

August 25, 2016 at 1:00 P.M.

Susan M. Hudson Hearing Room, Third Floor, 112 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont

In attendance: Senator Ginny Lyons; Representative Tony Klein; Commissioner Chris Recchia; Board Member Margaret Cheney; Judge Robert Mello.

The meeting was called to order by Senator Lyons at 1:00 P.M.

Senator Lyons led a discussion on Working Group goals and a rough timeline.

June Tierney, General Counsel for the PSB, presented to the working group on Past and Current Public participation processes at the PSB. Judge Mello discussed his past experience working for the PSB in the 1970s when the functions of the PSB and Public Service Department were combined in one agency.

June Tierney and Board Member Cheney led a discussion on changes implemented, and other changes in the works, at the PSB to improve public participation.

Future meeting topics were identified.

Upon completion of the agenda topics listed above, Senator Lyons opened the floor to members of the public in attendance:

- Greg Pierce inquired about the procedures for the public hearing scheduled for October 11.
- Melanie Peyser expressed concerns about funding for landowners involved in eminent domain proceedings before the Board and provided recommendations related to perceptions of judicial fairness.
- Steve Whittaker discussed the status of the 10-year telecommunications plan and citizen engagement in the telecommunications sector.
- Austin Davis of 350vt inquired about the definition of public good in Board processes.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:15 P.M.